

HOUSE RESOLUTION 321

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend the members of the Cannon County Rescue Squad on the occasion of the organization's thirtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cannon County Rescue Squad are such estimable persons who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, chartered on May 8, 1978, the Cannon County Rescue Squad will soon celebrate its thirtieth anniversary of serving the residents of Cannon County and all of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, recognizing a need for a specialized service to extract victims from motor vehicle wreckage and to retrieve persons from rural areas so that they might receive the medical attention they require, the founding members of the Cannon County Rescue Squad endeavored to improve the county's emergency response network; and

WHEREAS, funded entirely by donations from local citizens and squad-sponsored fundraisers, the Cannon County Rescue Squad has grown from its inception, when it operated out of the basement of a building on Lester Street in Woodbury with little more than an old station wagon as a response vehicle, to its current admirable state; it now is located in a former Emergency Medical Services station in Woodbury and utilizes a well-equipped response vehicle, a support vehicle, two "Jaws of Life," and a host of other specialized tools and equipment in its efforts to provide a timely response to all emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon County Rescue Squad provides compendious rescue services, including vehicle rescue and extraction, water rescue and recovery, and search and rescue, to

not only the approximately 13,000 citizens of Cannon County, but also to the inhabitants of the contiguous counties of Rutherford, Wilson, DeKalb, Warren, and Coffee; the squad further lends its services to rescue operations in the Upper Cumberland and Middle Tennessee regions, as well as other areas throughout the State, as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable success and longevity enjoyed by the Cannon County Rescue Squad is directly attributable to the squad members' reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to protect and serve people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cannon County Rescue Squad epitomize the ideal of consummate professionals, dedicated public servants, and reliable friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Cannon County Rescue Squad, countless lives have been saved and many crises have been averted, all of which is just part of the daily work of these brave men and women; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cannon County Rescue Squad are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend the members of the Cannon County Rescue Squad for thirty years of honorable and astute service to Tennessee and salute their unswerving commitment to promoting and maintaining the safety and welfare of the good people of Cannon County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.